boys with hang-ups

A SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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I WANT OUT

Beegee **Charles C. Niehuis**

Running from the punk world of street fights, Beegee receives real man-to-man treatment in an Arizona wildlife sanctuary.

The contender **Robert Lipsyte**

Dragged by the problems of Harlem, Alfred discovers boxing as a way out. But first he must prove that he's a contender.

Count me gone **Annabel Johnson**

Rion thinks there must be something better than his brother's idea of success, but he cannot decide what it is or how to achieve it.

Drop-out **Jeannette Eyerly**

Donnie has an unhappy home; Mitch has trouble at school. Together they leave their troubles behind and run away to get married.

Goodnight, Prof, dear **John R. Townsend**

To escape his parents' conventionality, Graham Hollis ventures on a premarital flight with Lynn, an experienced, self-sufficient waitress.

The nitty gritty **Frank Bonham**

Crafty Uncle Baron seems to offer Charlie the opportunity of escaping from his family and the Dogtown scene.

Pennington's last term **K. M. Peyton**

Scornfully rebelling against his parents, his teachers, and the local police, Penn finds solace only in his piano.

Pickpocket run **Annabel Johnson**

Dix could walk out of his father's dishonest business with no repercussions; but when he skips out on Keno and his gang, he's in for real trouble.

Run softly, go fast **Barbara Wersba**

Unable to conform to the expectations of his father, Davy turns to the East Village and drugs.

Runaway **Valeria W. Griffith**

When he smashes his stepfather's scarlet Corvette, Phil runs away only to find that there are new problems to face.

Senior dropout **James L. Summers**

Hermine is somebody special – so special that Lon decides to leave school and get a job so he can marry her.

That was then, this is now **S. E. Hinton**

Bryon thinks he can count on his gentle, honest friend, on the girl he loves, and on his almost-brother Mark. But in Bryon's world no one can be sure of anything for long.

Tuned out **Maia Wojciechowska**

Sixteen-year-old Jim is high on life while his nineteen-year-old brother Kevin uses drugs to avoid being so uptight.

The way of Charles Speaks Soft **James Rhodes**

Arrogant and proud, Charles Speaks Soft must find the strength to surmount the obstacles an Indian faces.

WHO AM I?

The catcher in the rye **Jerome D. Salinger**

Realizing that the world is inhabited by misguided phonies, Holden Caulfield leaves school and, without purpose or direction, wanders around New York City.

Douglas **Grace H. Richardson**

Though brilliant and talented, Doug succeeds only in getting expelled from school, telling lies, and creating fantasies.

I'll get there, it better be worth the trip **John Donovan**

For one brief moment Davy's relationship with Altschuler becomes something more than just friendship.

Iron mountain **Mavis T. Clark**

When Joey's near-fatal car accident alienates him from his old friends, he hitchhikes to Western Australia to try life on his own.

The man without a face **Isabelle Holland**

Not much affection had come Charles's way until the summer he was fourteen when he met McLeod and learned that love has many facets.

A name for himself **Amelia E. Walden**

"Don't get involved" was Vito's philosophy and it had worked until Morgan Drake came along.

The outsiders **S. E. Hinton**

What chance do you have to be yourself and to find a place in the world when you're a greaser from the wrong part of town?

A separate peace **John Knowles**

Gene loved his friend Finny, yet chose to betray him. Neither one could understand why.

Vibrations **George A. Woods**

"There are a hundred things we never say or do, and then one day we find we can't anymore. Like it is now."

Walk in a tall shadow **Amelia E. Walden**

Why wasn't he like his father, Big Bill Brennan? Why was he a rebel who always wanted to do something he shouldn't?

ALONE AND APART

"Don't play dead before you have to"
Maia Wojciechowska

Byron, aged fifteen, comes to baby-sit for Charlie, aged six, and begins Charlie's education on how to fight the system.

The dream watcher **Barbara Wersba**

Albert's life is lousy until eccentric Orpha Woodfin teaches him to be himself.

The dreaming tree **Allan W. Eckert**

The bent old oak tree becomes Will's own private place – his dreaming tree – as he tries to sort out his loneliness and fears at boarding school.

His own where **June Jordan**

Young, black and alone in the ghetto, Buddy survives his father's illness, his expulsion from school, and separation from his girl with unique courage and inspiration.

The iron doors between **James L. Summers**

Vic Shan's gripe with the world is so deeply ingrained that he cannot accept affection from anyone.

The loners; short stories about the young alienated
L. M. Schulman, comp.

"We are always alone. We are never alone. Even in the center of a crowd of friends, we cannot escape our apartness . . . ."

Ox; the story of a kid at the top **John Ney**

". . . I live in Palm Beach and I'm supposed to have everything, but . . . how come I feel so lousy? All the time."

The paragon **John Knowles**

Non-conformist Lou Colfax finds that his sophomore year at Yale is a series of struggles against his roommate, his girl, his family, and even himself.

Sticks and stones **Lynn Hall**

As a false rumor implying homosexuality spreads throughout the school, Tom finds himself a confused and hurt outcast.

Viva Chicano **Frank Bonham**

Accused of attempted murder, young parolee Keeny Durán runs – back to pills, back to the old gang.

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Durango Street **Frank Bonham**

Out of the boys' prison camp and back on the streets of Coast City, Rufus Henry knows he must join the Moors – no matter what his parole officer says.

Fog **Mildred Lee**

Luke finds the trip from youth to manhood disturbingly quick, frightening, painful.

Harlem summer **Mary E. Vroman**

In Alabama Young John understood what his people were fighting for, but in Harlem the problems were not so easy to figure out.

I thought you were a unicorn, and other stories
Paul D. Boles

An unusual boat named *Excalibur* is launched; poor, unhappy Max swallows a turtle on Christmas Eve; and Hank Roberts gets punched in the jaw in honor of beautiful Ardetha in these tales of growing-up.

The summer people **John R. Townsend**

In their seventeenth summer just a few weeks before the declaration of World War II, Philip and Sylvia embark upon a deception which reaches far into the future.

Teacup full of roses **Sharon B. Mathis**

Joe must choose between his brothers: one an artist whose talents are wasted by drugs and another who is straight, beautiful, and bright.

Whose town? **Lorenz B. Graham**

As violence erupts in North Town, David is caught between the ways of a militant black power group and the nonviolence advocated by his family.

You can't make it by bus **James L. Summers**

Do Paul Guevara's loyalties lie with his Mexican heritage or with his American citizenship?

I WANT IN

Fogarty **Emily C. Neville**

Dan Fogarty, playwright, loafer, and law school dropout, wants to work but only if his job is meaningful.

High school drop out **John Clarke**

Joe quits school and goes to work, but discovers that good jobs are tough to come by for the high school dropout.

Jazz country **Nat Hentoff**

An aspiring jazz musician, Tom Curtis soon realizes that he must have soul to make it as a blues man.

The loner **Ester Wier**

The boy has no parents, no home, not even a name. One winter he finds himself in Montana, tending sheep and learning what love is all about.

Radigan cares **Jeannette Eyerly**

Except for his car, everything bored Doug Radigan until pretty, blond Emily introduced him to the drama and excitement of politics.

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